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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

Before the House Committees on ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION and WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:55 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of HOUSE BILL 1028 RELATING TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES TRUST FUND

House Bill 1028 expands the type of revenue that can be deposited into the Endangered Species Trust Fund. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this Administration measure.

Under Section 195D-31(a)(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes, only fees and assessments charged for the "commercial" use of public land and waters designated for the Endangered Species Trust Fund are deposited into that fund. Certain other types of revenues, such as parking fees, would not qualify.

By repealing the word "commercial," the bill seeks to expand the type of revenue that the Department could charge to create additional revenue for endangered species protection. This could provide multiple opportunities for the Department to find innovative funding mechanisms.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Mark Fox	The Nature Conservancy	Support	Yes	

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB1028. Hawaii is known as the "endangered species capital of the world." We must take measures to do what we can to protect Hawaii's endangered species.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

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